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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES TO FOREIGN
AIRLINES

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1. NEITHER MEA NOR TMA RECEIVE DIRECT ASSISTANCE FROM
GOL EITHER IN FORM OF CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR SUBSIDIES.

2. IN TERMS OF INDIRECT ASSISTANCE, BOTH MEA AND TMA
BENEFIT FROM EXEMPTION FROM CORPORATE INCOME TAXES BY
GOL. AT ONE TIME (APPROXIMATELY 1968-1971) MEA AND TMA
WERE ALSO EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT LANDING FEES AT BEIRUT
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS A GUID PRO QUO FOR MEA
GRANTING OFFICIAL GOL TRAVEL AT 50 PERCENT FARE LEVELS AND TMA
GRANTING GOL CARGO SHIPMENTS AT 50 PERCENT RATE LEVELS. HOWEVER,
THIS LANIDNG FEE EXEMPTION/REDUCED FARE AND RATE SCENARIO
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WAS SUSPENDED THREE YEARS AGO.

3. BOTH MEA AND TMA ARE PRIVATELY OWNED AIRLINES BUT
WE NOTE THAT MEA'S CAPITAL STRUCTURE CONSISTS OF 65 PERCENT
OWNERSHIP BY INTRABANK, OF WHICH GOL HOLDS 15 PERCENT SHARE. GOLDY

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